

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. No claims have been added, canceled or amended.

In the Office Action dated September 5, 2002, the Examiner required election of a specific species to be examined because allegedly the present application claimed more than one distinct invention. In the Reply filed October 3, 2002, Applicants elected the liquid crystal polyester structural unit (2). Applicants also stated that claims 1-3 and 6-8 correspond to the elected species.

Applicants reaffirm this election. Applicants further submit that an additional election of species is being made herein to the polycarbonate as the thermoplastic resin having a deflection temperature under a load of not less than 190°C in claim 2. Applicants submit that this election of species to the specific polycarbonate has no relation to the previous election to structural unit (2). The thermoplastic resin having a deflection temperature under a load of not less than 190°C in claim 2 is another component to the thermoplastic resin composition of claim 1. Applicants submit that the two elections are sufficient to allow the Examiner to search the claimed invention.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully

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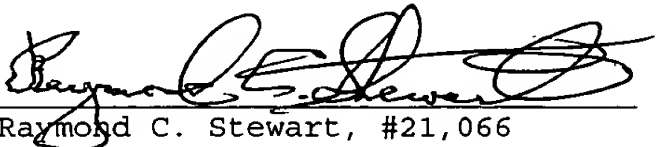
requested to contact Kecia Reynolds (Reg. No. 47,021) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for a two (2) months extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$420.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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